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The Exeter Book (Codex Exoniensis). This book was presented to his Cathedral by Leofric, the first Bishop of Exeter, about the middle of the 11th century. It is preserved in the Cathedral Library at Exeter. In the catalogue of Leofric's donations to his cathedral, this volume is entered as 'one great English book on various subjects, composed in verse'.

The Exeter Book is the largest extant manuscript of Old English literature and containing approximately one sixth of the Old English poetry that survives.

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